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**FEDERAL FUNDING SECURED FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS**

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund is providing funding for the development of outdoor recreation, via the Louisiana Office of State Parks.

This year, LWCF approved more than \$1 million in funding for six new outdoor recreation projects in Louisiana. The most recently awarded projects include \$508,228 for:

- construction of a picnic area at Livonia's Glaser's Park in Pointe Coupee Parish;
- improvements of the sporting fields at the Stephenville Recreation Complex in lower St. Martin Parish; and
- renovations to the fishing facilities at Hammond's Zemurray Park in Tangipahoa Parish.

Projects in Washington, Livingston and Concordia parishes received \$535,000 in federal assistance earlier this year.

LWCF, created with the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, helps create and maintain recreational resources throughout the U.S. Since the LWCF was created, it has provided more than \$70 million for development of outdoor recreation facilities throughout Louisiana, providing grants for more than 900 projects in 62 parishes.

Grant applications are due April 1 annually. Municipalities can find more information about LWCF and apply for grants by visiting [www.LaStateParks.com](http://www.LaStateParks.com).

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